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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Joseph F. Carroll
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

General Marshall S. Carter
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Attached is a communication I received from Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee, transmitting the Honorable Frank C. Osmer's letter to him of January 31st, 1963. For your information the charges contained in Mr. Osmer's letter were made by him orally at my last meeting with Mr. Vinson's CIA Subcommittee and also when Secretary McNamara appeared before the full Armed Services Committee in late January.

I would appreciate comments from you on Mr. Osmer's charges by the time I return from Europe, which is scheduled on February 17th, as I expect to meet with the Vinson Subcommittee immediately after my return.

In doing so I would use our report to the Killian Board. Also, I hope to know prior to the meeting, the conclusions of the Board itself.

Since almost every sentence in Mr. Osmer's letter can be refuted, it is my suggestion that the views of CIA and DIA be coordinated and placed in one document.

For your information, I am transmitting a copy of Mr. Osmer's letter to the Secretary of State with the request that Mr. Hilsman communicate his views to you for incorporation in the proposed response. Also, I have sent Mr. Osmer's letter to Mr. Bundy and to the Secretary of Defense.


John A. McCone
Director

Attachment